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### County Officers' Compensation

The State Comptroller, after compiling reports made to him by the various officers of DeSoto county, gives their gross receipts of fees, expenses and net earnings for the half-year ending Dec. 31st, 1915, as follows:

A. L. Durrance, clerk, auditor and recorder—gross receipts \$4,837.24, expenses \$1,716.24, net \$3,121.00.

J. Leslie Dishong, sheriff—gross receipts \$6,375.01, expenses \$5,335.95, net \$1,039.06.

W. D. Bell, county judge—gross receipts \$994.84, expenses \$310.00, net \$684.84.

H. L. Carlton, treasurer—gross

receipts \$1,972.00, expenses \$14.50, net \$1,957.50.

Cyril Baldwin, tax collector—gross earnings \$4,845.84, expenses \$1,074.00, net \$3,771.84.

H. G. Murphy, tax assessor, gross earnings \$6,402.68, expenses \$864.79, net \$5,537.89. This is nearly the entire amount which the assessor receives for the whole year, as he gets virtually his whole pay during the last half of the year.

H. G. Jones, prosecuting attorney—gross receipts \$785.00, expenses \$35.00, net \$750.00.

S. F. J. Trabue, justice of the peace 7th district—gross receipts \$93.91, expenses \$56.00, net \$37.91.

R. H. Weeks, constable 7th district—gross earnings \$7.25, no expense.

John T. Bush, justice 2nd district—gross receipts \$135.70, expenses \$17.00, net earnings \$118.70. No report from the constable of this district.

C. C. Morgan, justice 8th district—gross and net receipts the same, \$79.98. No report from his constable.

H. C. Brown, justice 32nd district—gross earnings \$58.10, expenses \$2.15, net \$55.95.

W. B. Zachary, constable 32nd district—gross receipts \$146.35, expenses \$59.05, net \$87.30.

The remaining justices and constables received fees amounting to less than \$20.00 each.

### Twelve Health Rules for Our Boys and Girls

Of course all boys and girls are anxious to learn how to keep well. Here are twelve simple rules which the Louisiana State Board of Health reprints, with the suggestion that you not only read them carefully but fasten them on the inside cover of one of your schoolbooks so you can read the rules often and ask yourself how many you are keeping and how many you are breaking:

1. Sunshine—Sun yourselves, your clothes and your rooms; it will stop the growth of the germs of sickness.
2. Milk—This is the best food for growing children. Drink at least three cups a day.
3. Clothing—Dress lightly; keep warm by exercise, play, and deep breathing and not so many clothes.
4. Dirt and Dust—These are the cars and rails that carry disease. Avoid them if you would keep well.
5. Sleep—Sleep with all windows open, top and bottom. Go to bed early. Get at least nine hours' sleep.
6. Bathing—Bathe all over at least twice a week, better once a day.
7. Air—Be in the open air every minute that you can. No inside air is ever as healthful as that of the out-doors.
8. Play—Play every day, win-

### An Eloquent Speaker

Dr. Small is an acknowledged master of genuine platform work. He is one of the class to which belonged those lamented spirits, Gough, Talmage, Sam Jones, Copeland, and De Motte. He has an encyclopedic fund of information, a brilliant play of imagery, an inexhaustible fund of humor, wit and playful sarcasm. His lectures are on solid themes of timely importance, but his unique manner in treating them, affords an entertainment of delightful character. That accounts for the prominence and enduring popularity of Dr. Small with American audiences.—The Berne, Berne, Ind.—Hear him in the Methodist church, Punta Gorda, tonight.

### Do You Know That

There is no Federal institution in the continental United States for the reception and care of lepers?

Plague is a disease of rodents? Malaria is spread by a special mosquito?

House screening is a good disease preventive?

Fingers, flies and food spread typhoid fever?

Pellagra may be prevented or cured by proper diet?

The United States Public Service believes that the common towel spreads trachoma, a disease of the eyes?

Children from sanitary homes advance more rapidly in school than those from dirty premises?

### Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Palmer of Madison announce the engagement of their daughter Ada to Dr. Archer Smith of Punta Gorda, the wedding to take place the latter part of April. No formal invitations will be issued.

The bride-elect is a charming young woman and has a host of friends throughout the state who will wish her happiness.

Dr. Smith is a successful young physician of Punta Gorda and will have the best wishes of a host of friends.—Sunday Times-Union.

### Married Ladies' Club

The Married Ladies' Social Club was entertained by Mrs. J. N. Sikes, Thursday afternoon, Mar. 23.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. R. K. Seward, the vice-president presided, calling the meeting to order at 3:30.

The first part of the afternoon was devoted to a social hour, during which Mrs. D. N. McQueen rendered two beautiful piano selections; these were followed by readings by Mesdames Seward and Skipper and Miss Blake.

Mrs. W. R. Eubank resumed the reading of the Stoddard Lecture Course and the book of Egypt was finished.

After refreshments, consisting of cake and ice cream, were served the club adjourned to meet next at the home of Mrs. W. Speck, April 6th. Needle work and gossip is the program for this meeting, so every one is especially re-

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9. Food—Wash your hands always before eating. Eat slowly and chew your food thoroughly.

10. Alcohol and Tobacco—These cause lack of sureness and swiftness of nerves and stop your growth.

11. Water—Drink at least four cups full every day.

12. Mouth, Nose and Teeth—Keep these parts clean, as they are door-ways for disease germs. Brush teeth night and morning.—The Progressive Farmer.

### Agrees With The Herald

The Punta Gorda Herald, in a very interesting editorial, explains why it is unreasonable to expect newspapers to air the little differences that may arise in any community, and why it is very harmful to herald these "family quarrels" to the outside world. "The policy of the Herald," the paper says, "is to present the bright side of conditions in Punta Gorda, and to ignore any petty differences that may exist among our people." That is the correct policy for a newspaper to pursue, in order to be of greatest service to its community. The Herald adds: "Some of the paper's friends, however, think it ought to tear the hide off of every official of town or district against whom any plausible complaint of neglect of duty or incompetence may be brought." People continuously nag newspapers to "jump on" this person or that proposition or condition, but it makes all the difference in the world whose ox is gored. They want the paper, as the Herald expresses it, to "tear the hide off"

the other fellow, but let some paragraph appear that rubs their own fur the wrong way ever so slightly, and they are up and complaining. The paper giving the most effective service is not the one which is everlastingly "jumping on" something or some body, like a common scold, but one which is cheerful, good-natured and optimistic, presenting the best side of conditions in its community, and refraining from harsh, common or unfavorable criticism except when the public interest positively demands such a policy.—Lakeland Telegram.

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### RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

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quested to bring their work and be prepared to take part in the program.—MRS. W. L. KOON, Secretary.

### Flies Carry Disease

Get rid of the fly and reduce the chance of sickness. Dr. E. R. Flint of the University of Florida says that the fly is a real danger as well as troublesome and dirty. Most transmissible diseases are carried by this insect.

The fly is a scavenger. The eggs are laid upon human and animal excreta and all kinds of decaying matter. In this filth the maggot lives and develops into a fly, which may be the same one that is so carefully fished out of the milk the next day. There is always a chance that this fly has come from a place of filth infected with disease germs. Its habits make it a splendid carrier of such diseases as tuberculosis, typhoid, and dysentery. A large proportion of the deaths among children under one year old are the result of intestinal disorders and diarrhoea which are carried by flies.

In controlling flies use every effort to keep covered all material in which they breed. This can be accomplished on the farm with little expense and time. Build a tight bin of heavy boards and cover the top with removable screening. Use this for a compost heap and put all refuse material into it at least every two days. This way of saving manure will pay for itself, over the usual wasteful way it is handled, by preventing loss of plant food. Be sure the privies are screened so there is no chance of flies entering.

Keep the flies out of the house. Screen all of it if possible, but at least the kitchen and dining room. Sticky fly paper is a great aid in keeping down numbers. A good fly poison which is not dangerous to animals is made of 1 teaspoonful of formalin in a saucer of milk and water. The United States Department of Agriculture Washington, D. C., issues helpful bulletins on the various means of controlling flies.

### Fortnightly Club

It was a very pleasant meeting that the Fortnightly Club held on the afternoon of Mar. 16th with Mrs. Grace Davis at her home on Taylor street. Thirteen members and two visitors responded to roll call, with a quotation from Emerson.

In the program for the day were two most excellent papers, one the "Life of Emerson" by Mrs. Boyle and a sketch of his works by Miss Blake. Mrs. Sikes read a very interesting report of the work of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs for 1915. After a brief business session, a very enthusiastic game of "Bean Bags," with Mrs. Albert and Mrs. Sikes as leaders, resulted in victory for Mrs. Sikes.

The next meeting, which will be a club tea and also the annual "Husband Evening," will be with Mrs. Hancock on Mar. 30th at six o'clock, with Mesdames Rankin, Hancock, Mary Hewitt, Clara Davis, Fries, Rickard and Miss Blake as hostesses.—CLARA V. DAVIS, Sec.

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